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Sachi A. Hamai

500 W. Temple Street Room 383

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Via Fax (213) 620-0636 11 pages

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Re: NEW Resolution Regarding Rowland Unified School District Parcel Tax Measure**

Dear Ms. Hamai:

Attached for your information are two signed resolutions from the Rowland Unified School District Board of Education: 1) To resend the March 3 Resolution calling for a special election to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 for a Parcel Tax for educational purposes. 2) A *new* resolution calling for a June 30 Mail Ballot Election for the Parcel Tax Measure.

We were instructed to notify your office by sending you this copy. If you have any further questions or needs, please contact me, Angie Cardenas, Administration Assistant to the Superintendent at (626) 854-8303.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Angie Cardenas

**Board Vision:** The Rowland Unified School District promotes, expects, and accepts nothing short of excellence. We have a collective commitment to be the best school district in California.

**Mission:** The mission of the Rowland Unified School District, the progressive international community united in learning, is to empower students so that each actualizes his or her unique potential and responsibly contributes to a global society, through a system of innovative use of technology, creative exploration, and nurturing learning experiences.

**ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT****March 10, 2009****RESOLUTION****RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL ALL-MAILED BALLOTS  
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009 FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE  
DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A QUALIFIED SPECIAL TAX  
UPON EACH PARCEL IN THE DISTRICT FOR EDUCATIONAL  
PURPOSES AND ESTABLISHING THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE  
ELECTION ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Rowland Unified School District (the "District") has determined that the present revenues of the District are inadequate to fund the cost of education within said District, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and California Government Code Sections 50079 et seq. and 50075 et seq. (the "Law") authorize a school district, upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the electorate voting on the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes following notice and a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board on March 3, 2009 held a public hearing which was duly noticed where all interested persons have been heard on the matter of holding an election in the District on the matter of levying a qualified special tax on each parcel in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board on March 3, 2009 adopted a resolution calling a parcel tax election for June 2, 2009 and now desires to change the date of such election to June 30, 2009 and to conduct the election by all-mailed ballots and therefore amends the resolution adopted on March 3, 2009 so that this resolution shall supersede such March 3, 2009 resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires at this time to order an election to be held on June 30, 2009 in the District for the purpose of submitting to the voters in the District the matter of levying a qualified special tax on each parcel in the District for educational purposes and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to Education Code Section 5320 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, ORDER AND DETERMINE AS FOLLOWS:

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**Section 1. Call for Election.** The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether a qualified special tax shall be levied and collected in the District for the purposes as set forth more fully in the ballot proposition approved below. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election and shall constitute the "specifications of the election order" pursuant to Education Code Section 5322.

**Section 2. Election Date.** The date of the election shall be June 30, 2009, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.

**Section 3. Purpose of Election; Ballot Proposition.** The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a full copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A", containing the question of whether the District shall levy a qualified special tax in the District for the purpose stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Government Code Section 50075.1. As required by Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B". The Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the proposition as required to conform to any requirements of the Law or the Los Angeles County or Orange County Registrars of Voters.

**Section 4. Authority for Election.** The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and California Government Code Sections 50079 et seq. and 50075 et seq. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code and the election shall be conducted by all-mailed ballots pursuant to Elections Code Section 4108.

**Section 5. Type of Tax Rate, and Method of Collection.** Said qualified special tax shall be levied in an amount not to exceed \$120 per parcel for 5 years assessed against each parcel of taxable land in the District. A parcel shall be defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the Los Angeles County or Orange County Tax Collectors. Provided, however, a timeshare facility within the District, where each interval owner receives a separate tax bill from the Los Angeles County or Orange County Tax Collectors shall be annually assessed on a per-residential-unit-basis only, chargeable to the timeshare facility. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the qualified special tax. Additionally, the following exemption shall be available to property owners who qualify for and file annual applications for such exemption:

A. Parcels which are owned and occupied as the primary residence by at least one person age 65 or older.

**Section 6. Accountability Requirements.** The members of the Board, the Superintendent and officers of the District are hereby requested and directed, individually and collectively, to provide accountability measures pursuant to Government

Code Section 50075.1 that include, but are not limited, to the following: (a) a statement indicating the specific purposes of the special tax, (b) a requirement that the proceeds be applied only to the specific purposes identified, (c) the creation of an account into which the proceeds shall be deposited, and (d) an annual report pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3 as provided in Section 7 hereof. Such accountability measures shall be set forth on the ballot in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 7. Annual Report.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3, the Board directs the chief fiscal officer of the District to file a report with the Board each year containing (a) the amount of funds collected and expended and (b) the status of any project required or authorized to be funded as identified in Section 6(a) hereof.

**Section 8. Delivery of this Resolution.** The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County and Orange County Superintendents of Schools, the Los Angeles County and Orange County Registrars of Voters (the "County Registrars") and the Los Angeles County and Orange County Clerks of the Boards of Supervisors.

**Section 9. Consolidation of Election.** The County Registrars and the Los Angeles County and Orange County Boards of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on June 30, 2009, within the District.

**Section 10. Ballot Arguments.** Any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. The Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any document and to perform all acts necessary to place the measure on the ballot.

**Section 11. Notice of Election.** That the Los Angeles County and Orange County Registrars of Voters are hereby requested to prepare a formal Notice of Qualified Special Tax Election in time, form and manner as required by law. The suggested form of notice of the election is as follows:

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ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Rowland Unified School District (the "District") of Los Angeles County and Orange County, that in accordance with law, an election will be held on Tuesday, the 30th of June, 2009 in the District by all-mailed ballots, at which election there will be submitted the question of levying a qualified special tax of \$120 for 5 years on each nonexempt parcel of land in the District for the purpose of raising money for the cost of public education.

**Section 12. Reimbursement for Services Performed.** The Rowland Unified School District agrees to reimburse the Los Angeles County and Orange County Registrars of Voters for services performed when work is completed on the election upon presentation of a bill.

**Section 13. Election Pursuant to Law.** In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, said election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding school district elections in the District and pursuant to Elections Code Section 4108.

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**Section 14. Certification by Clerk of the Board** That the Clerk of the Board shall certify to the passage and adoption of and shall make minutes of the passage and adoption therefore in the records of the proceedings of the Board of Education of the District, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March, 2009.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
ROWLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Robert Hickley*  
President

ATTEST:

*Cheryl Murray*  
Clerk of the Board of Education

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I, Heidi L. Gallegos, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Rowland Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of said District at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of March, 2009, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 1

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

By: Clerk of the Board of Education of the  
Rowland Unified School DistrictBy: Superintendent  
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**EXHIBIT A****BALLOT MEASURE  
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE**

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To prevent deep cuts in local educational programs, including: maintaining college preparation classes, high school counselors, student health/safety/security services, adequate instructional supplies and classroom technology; keeping school libraries open; protecting small class sizes and music/art programs; and retaining qualified teachers; shall Rowland Unified School District levy an annual \$120 tax per parcel, for 5 years only, with independent oversight, an exemption for seniors, no money for administrator salaries, and all funds benefiting Rowland Unified schools?

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**PARCEL TAX AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this proposition by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District will be authorized to levy a qualified special tax of \$120 per parcel, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

**ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. As required by the laws of the State of California, the proceeds of the qualified special tax will be deposited into a special account established by the District and will be applied only to the specific purposes identified herein. The District has covenanted to file with its governing board each year a report stating the amount of the funds collected and expended and the status of any project authorized to be funded.

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**EXHIBIT B****BALLOT MEASURE  
ABBREVIATED FORM**

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